

September 26, 2006

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Department of Natural Resources
Office of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9275

RE: 9600' Zone, Reservoir A
HESTER FIELD
St. James Parish, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Application is hereby made on behalf of BTA Oil Producers to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the 9600' Zone, Reservoir A, in the Hester Field, St. James Parish, Louisiana.

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the 9600' Zone, Reservoir A, in the Hester Field, St. James Parish, Louisiana.
2. To create a single drilling and production unit for this zone and to force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created.
3. To designate a unit operator and a unit well for the unit so created as may be appropriate.
4. To provide that any future wells drilled to the 9600' Zone, Reservoir A, within or outside of the unit created herein, should be located in accordance with the provisions of LAC 43:XIX.1901 et seq. (Statewide Order No. 29-E).
5. To provide that the Commissioner may reclassify the Reservoir by supplemental order and without the necessity of a public hearing should such reclassification be warranted, based on evidence furnished the Commissioner.
6. To discuss any other matters that may be pertinent to this application.

The 9600' Zone, Reservoir A, in the Hester Field, St. James Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 9,608' and 9,755' (electrical log measurements) in the Patrick Petroleum - Poche No. 1 Well (SN 174339), located in Section 70, Township 11 South, Range 5 East, St. James Parish, Louisiana.

In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for POSTING of the legal notice of the hearing and unit plat in a prominent place in the area of the Hester Field, St. James Parish, Louisiana, and will cause the legal notice of the hearing to be PUBLISHED in a newspaper of general circulation published in the vicinity of the Hester Field, St. James Parish, Louisiana, at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

Any pertinent data relating to the subject application can be obtained, **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY**, from David Comeaux at Leon E. Comeaux & Associates, P. O. Box 53922, Lafayette, Louisiana 70505, (337-233-9839).

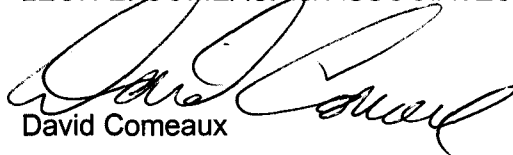
In compliance with the Rules of Procedure, a preapplication notice was given, but no request for a conference was received, and therefore, none was held.

There are attached hereto and made a part hereof a plat outlining the proposed unit and a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested Parties to whom this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties and proposed unit plat (being the same plat attached to the September 13, 2006 notice) are being furnished **ONLY** to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. However, said plat and the list of parties will be provided to any party requesting copies. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, there is enclosed our check on behalf of the applicant, BTA Oil Producers in the sum of \$755.00 payable to the Office of Conservation and representing the required hearing application fee.

Sincerely,

LEON E. COMEAUX & ASSOCIATES



David Comeaux

DC/cu

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson
Office of Conservation
825 Kaliste Saloom Rd.
Brandywine III, Suite 220
Lafayette, Louisiana 70508

Interested Parties, Interested
Owners and Represented Parties

